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The TV-TS Tapestry

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MONTHLY REPORT Happy Birthday Gladys!!! 81, and still full of ginger, raring to go. (see article)

May. In last month's report I complained about how slow our membership growth was, and I feel like complaining again this month. Over the last two months we have gained 27 new members. That's not too bad; I just don't know what's the matter with me. Just impatient I guess.

Even if the growth rate didn't live up to my preferences, May was still one of our most active months. A lot more of our people are visiting the Green Apple these days; and why not? It's a lot of fun. We are well treated, and Karl puts on the finest female impersonator shows in New England (especially this month, with guest star Danny Winsor, whose a fantastic entertainer). So gals and guys, how many impromptu trips did we make? Four? Five? Any bets on how many we make next month?

Our Lawyer (Mr. M) visited for an evening, and we had a wonderful time talking about how to stay out of trouble (or get into trouble, depending on your preference). (By the way, if any of you need legal help, Mr. M is well informed with TV/TS issues, and will be more than happy to work with you.)

Carolyn (of Carolyn's Boutique and lingerie party fame) made a few unannounced Tuesday visits. Seems whenever she gets new goodies into her inventory, she tries them out on us. (Not that we mind you understand, for what TV in their right mind is going to object to being shown a new dress? Silky lingerie? Sexy shoes?)

Kim Williams spent a most interesting evening with us. Kim is a registered electrologist. She is also one of our people, very familiar with working with TVs and TSs, and extremely proud of her work. (So far our members who have used her service are pleased, and that is a very good recommendation.) She talked of techniques, tricks of the trade, skin care (how to avoid ingrowns, pimples, etc.), the do-it-yourself kits, etc. It was really a very interesting evening.

The social event of the month was the lingerie party, starring none other than Carolyn. She emptied out her inventory, and filled up our living and dining rooms with dresses, lingerie, wigs, shoes, baby dolls, corsets, maid's uniforms, etc. A TV's candy shop right there in our living room. Fantastic!

(We also had our monthly business meeting, but who wants to talk about that?)

(If you get a chance, ask Jenny about her adventure with the Tall Ships. A fun story.)

Have a nice June.

LOVE,

Merissa Sherrill Lynn

Diane and Carolyn
lingerie party

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GLADYS TALBOT

(Gladys turned 81 last week, still full of life and full of spunk. Its time we gave her the recognition, if not downright admiration she deserves.)

Years ago when I first began compiling information on commercial and professional services for TVs, one of the priorities was finding a corset maker. Many, such as Smith Corsets and Marion Doucette, were willing to serve our members, but we found Gladys. Here was an elderly, no nonsense business person who has seen it all. She knew who we were, what we were, and what we wanted. She was tart, but she was friendly, encouraging, and very proud of her work. She was an easy person to like. In return, she liked us, and that was the main reason we decided to send our business to her. That decision proved to be correct.

Since we met, Gladys has fit many of our members, and has been to Fantasia Fair, the Gala Weekends, and to Tiffany. We have helped her with transportation, and through the tragedy of fire. We have become friends, and what's more, she has served us well, and we trust her. Yet, in spite of this, most of our members still do not understand what it is she has to offer.

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LETTER TO CAROL BEECROFT

(Carol Beecroft is director of Tri Sigma, which is an international organization for strictly heterosexual crossdressers. Tri Sigma services a specific element of the TV/TS community, and it is therefore important that Tri Sigma and Tiffany, as well as all organizations serving our people, acknowledge and support each other. In the past Tri Sigma has been uniquely evasive about acknowledging and supporting other organizations. Carol's recent letter broke that silence, and can only be taken as an opening of the door to communication and understanding. I would like to share with you my response to her letter.)

SONG

(Another beautiful TV lullaby by DEE DEE. The tune for this masterpiece is ROLL OUT THE BARREL.)

Pull down my panties,
We'll have a barrel of fun
Pull down my scanties,
I'll pull them up when you're done
Don't mind the people,
You'll only get a big cheer, so
Let's get going,
Down with the panties
While the gang's all here.

Dear Carol

I appreciate your response to the article 'Cooperation' in the TV/TS Tapestry, and your comments. The Tapestry is intended to be a communications medium no only for our members, but other organizations as well. Your correspondance demonstrateds a constructive communications link between Tiffany and Tri Sigma.

Although he are different organizations, Tiffany appreciates Tri Sigma. Both our roots are in the old FPE. Fifteen years ago we were the Gamma Chapter of FPE, which evolved into the Hartford, Albany and Providence TVICs. Providence TVIC moved to Framingham then Boston becoming Cherrystone, which in turn evolved into the present Mayflower Society and Tiffany Club. So from the GPE Gamma Chapter sprang groups that have over the years served thousands.

Besides sharing common roots, Tiffany appreciated Tri Sigma for another reason. That reason is service. Tiffany is interested in supporting other groups in order to better serve the entire TV/TS community. Tiffany has its nich in the scheme of things, as does Tri Sigma. Tiffany can provide a facility with privacy, storage, a boutique and a library, and can provide a gamut of social and educational programs. Our emphasis is on friendship, and we require our members to use good manners, common sense, and protect the security and peace of mind of all. Tiffany is an assexual club, and we consider a person's private sexual preference to be irrelevant. However, as you pointed out in the Femme Mirror, there are TVs and wives out there who must have that 'heterosexual' classification for their own peace of mind. That is Tri Sigma's niche, and why Tri Sigma has such value in the overall scheme of things. Also, Tiffany is intended to serve the New England region, while Tri Sigma is international in scope, and that is why the Tiffany Club supports Tri Sigma. In fact, many of our most active and supportive members are also members of Tri Sigma.

In order to develop a better sense of cooperation among organizations, it would be most helpful if Tri Sigma mentioned Tiffany from time to time, and kept Tiffany informed of Tri Sigma activities. Tiffany will do the same for Tri Sigma, plus openly encourage people to join Tri Sigma by offering membership discounts and the dispersion of information, and help with projects such as the one you mentioned in your letter.

Communication, cooperation and mutual understanding works to benifit us all.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Frances G. says, "To stay out of trouble on the 4th, don't by a 5th on the 3rd."

LONG RANGE PROGRAMS OF THE INSTITUTE

Over the last five years the Outreach institute has provided many services to the TV/TS community and to helping professionals. Also, Outreach has done a great deal to promote public awareness and understanding of the TV/TS phenomena. These services include workshops and seminars, Fantasia Fair, appearances on radio and television, and public lectures. The Institute is now planning on expanding its services. The proposed programs include:

1.) A 30 minute educational film on cross-dressing for use at professional meetings, and at colleges. Estimated cost $100,000

2.) A comprehensive study of the TV/TS community. This study would involve over 2000 people over a three year period, and would cost and estimated $300,000.

3.) A comprehensive study of what happens to transsexuals after they have completed their reassignment surgery. Cost $100,000

Plans for these programs have been prepared, and Outreach is in the process of applying for grants to implement them. However, to be completely successful, Outreach needs "grass roots" support from you. Contributions to Outreach are cheerfully accepted, and are tax deductable. Inquire about Outreach's donor package to those who make contributions in excess of $1000.

Outreach Institute, Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston Mass. 02215

Judy
Lingerie Party

REPORT ON MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting of Thursday, May 22, was the first time the Board of Directors meeting was open to the general and keyholder membership. It was shown, especially with Nancy W.'s contribution, that the monthly business meeting is the best opportunity for interested members to become actively and responsibly involved. All business meetings, which meet regularly at 8pm the 4th thursday of every month, wibl be open to the general and keyholder membership, and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Included on the agenda were: 1.) and investigation into the possibility of a hotline, 2.) a discussion on the development of ID cards, 3.) a revision of our membership policy, and 4.) a proposal for the Tiffany sponsorship of a Spring activity similar to the Fantasia Fair.

1.) Hotline. To look into and report at the next meeting on business vs private lines, costs, liability, persons qualified to talk with people, forward answering, etc.

2.) ID Cards. All agreed a good idea, not only as a means of identifying oneself to commercial and professional people who prefer to deal with Tiffany members, but with law enforcement. An ID card could save your hide. The ID card would be available only to screened (Special, General, Key) members of Tiffany.

There is an open invitation to members to propose wording and designs, research with police, counceling agencies, etc. Report at next meeting.

Kay, of Mayflower, has defined the difference between Tiffany and Mayflower as: TIFFANY = Friendship and peace of mind
MAYFLOWER = Friendship and piece of ass

BUSINESS MEETING CONT.

3.) Membership. Effective July 1 on new memberships and renewals. $5.- discount for current members of approved organizations (such as IAMF, Tri Sigma, etc.)

Subscriber and Special memberships increased to $20.00 per year.

General membership increased to $180.00 per year ($15.00 per month), or $150.00 if paid within 6 months.

Keyholder increased to $300.00 per year ($25.00 per month), or $250.00 if paid within 6 months.

4.) Spring activity. Since Outreach's Spring Fair failed to materialize, it was decided that Tiffany should look into sponsoring some such function next spring. Diane B., Delores C., Elaine M., Denise C., and Merissa volunteered to form a committee to look into that possibility. Diane was elected coordinator of that committee. Additional volunteers are most welcome.

REPORT OF THE APRIL MEETING OF THE DELTA OMEGA GROUP ** D O A

Well, there's good news and bad. First, to the bad news. As you are all aware, inflation has hit us all and it has become necessary to increase our membership yearly fees. Inflation has risen 18% so the fee for the coming year will rise from One Dollar to One Dollar and Eighteen Cents.

Because of a mix up in communications, the scheduled meeting place had to be canceled. We were forced to meet in an abandoned building on the edge of the city dump. Sally's lover- " Muff" Diver - was supposed to clean the place up but, was ill with hairballs in his stomach. The girls tidied the place up a little and we had a very nice time.

We had a surprize visitor from The International Alliance, Carrie Wetpanties. She gave a short speech and told us how she is becoming civic minded. You've all seen those school buses with the sigh " Caution Children" I know. Carrie is now stopping every one she sees and is cautioning the children to not smoke in bed. Good for you, Carrie.

Sally, wearing eight inch heels tripped over a crack in the floor and fractured her skull on the cement floor. However, it didn't affect her personality as far as we could see, she being in a fractured state all the time.

GOOD NEWS. The D O A is becoming recognized overseas. We have two new members in Germany, Gretchen Heelzenhozen and Greta Stoppenshoppen. From Hawaii, " Hula Hooper and from England, Annie Getcher-Gunn. Welcome, girls. Also present were:- Sally Forth, Lotta Gutts, " Sis" Boombah, Penny Gumball, Ima Dyke and "BB" Gunn.

Fraternally,

Tweedle Dee Dumm, Pres.

*** Dead On Arrival

- COMING EVENTS -

TIFFANY CLUB 617-891-8022

OPEN MEETINGS 7-11pm Tues. and Sat. Quiet and relaxed evenings among friends. Help with make-up and comportment upon request. BYOB BYOF FEES: Guests $6 per visit, Special members $5 per visit, Guest members and General members and Keyholders, no charge.

SATURDAY June 7 8pm Mary Kay Skin Care and Glamour demonstration.

SATURDAY June 14 8pm INGA RETURNS! This time Inga is going to concentrate on her specialty, which is hair.

COMING EVENTS CONT.

TUESDAY June 24 8pm Carol Steinman, Director of Gender Identity Service, and several members of her staff, will visit Tiffany for the evening.

SATURDAY June 28 7pm ****PARTY**** This party has evolved into a joint effort by Tiffany, Mayflower and Hartford, and will be held in a townhouse in Boston. Should be our best party yet. For information contact Merissa, Kay, or Patsy Marie.

THE KAY MAYFLOWER SOCIETY 617-254-7389 ask for Kay
OPEN MEETINGS: Every Wenesday from 7 to 11pm
PARTY: Last Saturday of every month

HARTFORD TVIC Meetings every second Saturday. For information: Patsy Marie Pichon, Box 180, West Hartford, Ct. 06107

XX CLUB OF HARTFORD Transsexual support. Meetings every second Saturday. For information: Rev. Clinton r. Jones, George W. Henry Foundation, 45 Church St., Hartford, Ct. 06103

JOYCE DEWHURST Monthly parties in NY 212-545-4073
SATURDAY June 14 1980 Debutante Party. Party for novice TVs who will be attending their first function in drag. Experienced TVs welcome.

ALBANY TVIC Meetings every third Saturday. For information: William Thordsen, 1104 Broadway, Albany NY 12200
FUTURE PARTY DATES June 21st, Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th (to be held in the Rochester area), Nov. 15th (to be held in the Boston area), and Dec. 20th the Christmas party to be held in Albany, NY

OUTREACH INSTITUTE Box 368 Kenmore Sta., Boston Ma. 02215 617-277-3454
1st INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANDROGENY June 27 - June 29 To be held at the Bahia Hotel, San Diego, Cal.
FALL FANTASIA FAIR Friday October 17 through Sunday October 26. FF is perhaps the finest TV function in the world. A TV tradition. Applications are available through Outreach and the Tiffany Club.

SHANGRI LA Annual 5 day springtime TV event held in Gulfport, Miss. For information, Nancy Watson, Box 18202, Irvine, Ca. 92664

DREAM Annual TV event held near Seattle, Wash. Contact DREAM, Box 58 507 3rd Ave., Seattle Wash. 98104 This year's even6 Sept. 20-24

TRI SIGMA New Orleans convention starting Monday, Sept. 22, and ending Sunday September 28. For members of Tri Sigma only. For information: Carol Beecroft Box 194, Tulare, Ca. 93275

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- BULLETIN BOARD -

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Business meetings at Tiffany the 4th thursday of every month, at 8pm. All General and Key members are encouraged to attend

LAWYER

Tiffany has a lawyer that will work with our members on any issue concerning transvestism and transsexualism. For information, contact Merissa.

BULLETIN BOARD CONT.

CHRISTIE LEA

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- FORUM -

FEMININITY AND NATURE
by
Merissa Sherrill Lynn

There is much talk of androgeny. There is much talk of masculinity and femininity. Masculinity and femininity are words, concepts created from the imagination of man, and are in themselves meaningless. The idea of the duality of the universe is also nonsense. Transfinite oneness yes, Yin and Yang, no. Duality is a tool used by man to help him intellectually

DR. FLEMING'S STUDY

Many of you had contacted Dr. Fleming, expressing an interest in participating. Dr. Fleming has had difficulty in finding enough participants to make the study valid. He has postponed the study until additional couples can be found, and additional funds can be raised.

attention, attention, attention!!!
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AUGUST 8 - 10

PARTY

Please note that the date for the June 21 party has been changed to Saturday June 28.

OUTREACH

Ariadne will be a princile speaker at the 1st International Symposium on Androgeny, which is to be held at the Bahia Hotel, San Diego6/27-6/29

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The IRL will be conducting a group counseling session as well as individual counceling for men who cross-dress. The group will meet next on June 12 at the Institute. The sessions are scheduled for Thursday evenings. For information, call Dr. Martin Grossack at 739-5063

FORUM CONT.

(artificially) understand, to put into words what he senses, for to intellectually understand something he must have something else with which to compare it. For instance, the word 'strong' is meaningless without the word 'weak', 'good is meaningless without 'bad', 'kind'-'cruel', 'masculine'-'feminine', 'Yin'-'Yang'. On it goes, all a reflection of man's brazen attempts to understand the universe intellectually, and not in the only way he can, which is intuitively. Intuition is perception, is sensual experience, and not intellectual interpretation. The universe is a magnificent mosaic of sensual experience, both actual and potential, and the only way to truly understand and appreciate it is to experience it.

What has this got to do with crossdressing?

Because man thinks with words, catagorizing everything, making everything he thinks and everything he creates, artificial. Transvestism is a creation. What transvestism is, is nothing. It is a meaningless alternative mode of sensual experience, and nothing more. Transvestism doesn't exist. The mode of sensual experience we call transvestism does.

How does this relate to Femininity and Nature?

Femininity, like transvestism, also does not exist. It is a tool by which to describe certain qualities and sensual experiences. Transvestites feel. The feel prettiness, they feel sexiness, the feel femininity. These sensations are qualities. These qualities are universal in nature, inherent in all things, in a misty sea, a blue sky, in the trees of the forests, in the wind, in all things alive and not. If a transvestite has the gut level talent, the intuitive ability to understand, to appreciate, to experience the sexiness, the beauty, the poetry, sensuality, and femininity that is inherent in his own soul, then he has the talent to experience those same qualities in nature.

Know the universe, know yourself. Love the universe, love yourself. Be one with Nature, be one with yourself, for that is the natural order of things.

Merritt Sherrill Lynn

My femininity

can be found in a field of flowers,

in the music of birds, and laughter.

My femininity

can be found in the sunshine,

and in the tender new life of spring.

My femininity

can be found

in the essence of my soul.

I am a lady. I am art and poetry.

I am beauty and love.

I am.